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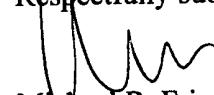
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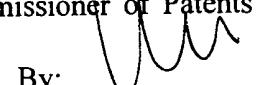
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Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.

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